United Nations A/53/521/Add.3

General Assembly

Distr.: General
2 June 1999
English
Original: Arabic

Fifty-third session
Agenda item 112

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 112 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/53/521 and Add 1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 63rd meeting, on 28 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/53/SR.63).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

3. At its 63rd meeting, on 28 May, the representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on the question of procurement reform, informed the Committee that no agreement had been reached on that question during the informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, in the light of the statement made by the representative of Australia and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of the question of procurement reform to the main part of its fifty-fourth session with a view to concluding it (see para. 8, draft decision I).

99-16353 (E) 040699

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, as well as Cyprus) and Canada (see A/C.5/53/SR.63).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/53/L.75

6. At the 63rd meeting, on 28 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain documents" (A/C.5/53/L.75).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Procurement reform

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of procurement reform to the main part of its fifty-fourth session with a view to concluding it.

Draft decision II

Action taken on certain documents

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following documents until its fifty-fourth session:

Procurement and outsourcing

(a) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system"[1] and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[2]

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on outsourcing practices;[3]

United Nations system common services at Geneva

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva[4]

[1] A/52/338.
[2] A/52/338/Add.1.
[3] A/53/942.
[4] A/53/787.

Developments in the post structure of the Secretariat

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on developments in the post structure of the Secretariat[5]

Impact of the implementation of pilot projects

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures;[6]

(f) Notes by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures;[7]

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

(g) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok;[8]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes;[9]

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;[10]

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[11]

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[12]

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[13]

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.[14]

---

[5] A/53/955.

[6] A/53/947.

[7] A/52/582 and A/C.5/53/53 and Corr.1.

[8] A/53/347/Add.1.

[9] A/51/801.

[10] A/51/432.

[11] A/51/530 and Corr.1.

[12] A/52/426.

[13] A/52/464.

[14] A/53/428.